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SETTING UP OF STPI
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) has established in 1991 with a view to promote the export of software;

(b) if so, whether the STPI is setting up Software Parks at various places in collaboration with the State Governments;

(c) if so, the name of the States where such Parks have been set up;

(d) whether the various States especially Himachal Pradesh Government expressed their desire for setting up of Software Parks or have sent any proposal for the setting up such Parks;

(e) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be set up and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(f) if not, the reasons therefore;

(g) whether the Government proposes to set up one more Software Park in Himachal Pradesh in view of the favorable climate and circumstances of the State for setting up Software Parks; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c):The Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) is having 48 centers across the country. The state-wise details of the centers is enclosed at Annexure.

(d) to (h): As per STPI, setting up of STPI facility at 11 locations in various states is under consideration. STPI has not received any proposal for setting up new center in the state of Himachal Pradesh, though STPI has one center in Shimla.

As per the current policy for setting up of New STPI center, the State Government has to make available 3 acres of land, 10,000 sq. ft of built up space and grant-in-aid of Rs. 1 crore to STPI and Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology provides the seed money of Rs. 50 lakhs for implementation of the project. A feasibility study has to be conducted by STPI jointly with State Government to evaluate export potential and the commercial viability of the proposal.